



## Abraham Lincoln Weekly Shoutout



Hey there friends. I hope you had a good week. My week was kind of regular. Sometimes it's nice to have a plain regular kind of week because that means there weren't any problems.

I want to talk to you today about Abraham Lincoln. Abraham Lincoln was our 16<sup>th</sup> President way back in the 1800s. He was killed in 1865 by a man named John Wilkes Booth. He is mostly remembered for making the law that freed the slaves.

A long time ago there were slaves in the United States. That means that some people owned other people and made them work without paying them. That was just wrong. Abraham Lincoln knew it was wrong and he made a law that said there couldn't be slavery anymore. It said that the people who were slaves had to be let free. Those people who were slaves were then allowed to leave the people that owned them. They could get jobs and they could have their own houses.

Things weren't easy for the people who had been slaves because some people thought what President Lincoln did was wrong. It was hard for people who had been slaves to get jobs. If they did get jobs they didn't get paid that much. Some people were also mean to them because they thought they should still be slaves. They would say mean things and sometimes even hurt them. That was very wrong. So setting the slaves free was a start but there was still a lot of things needed to be done to make sure all people were treated the right way.

Abraham Lincoln is remembered for being a good man. He would tell the truth. That made others trust him. A lot of people thought he was brave too. And he was responsible. Being responsible means that you do the things you're supposed to, when you're supposed to do them. My mom says I'm responsible when I do my chores without being told.

What do you think President Lincoln did that made people think he was a good man? How do you think people could be more like Abraham Lincoln? Why do you think it's important to tell the truth, have the trust of others, and be responsible like President Lincoln was?

I think President Lincoln did a lot of good things. I think he was brave for ending slavery because a lot of people didn't think he was doing the right thing. He knew slavery was wrong and did the right thing even though he knew some people wouldn't like it. That is very brave.

Friends, when I think about Abraham Lincoln, I wonder how could I be more like him. I try to do the right thing whenever I can. I try to make sure other people are treated the right way. And if I see something that's wrong, I tell others so it can be made right. I think it's really important for us all to make sure everyone is treated the right way. If we all try to change the things we see that are wrong, the world will be a better place for everyone.

Until next time,

Your pal, Persnickety Pearson 